

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claims 12-15 were previously withdrawn from consideration. By this Amendment, claims 1-11 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 16 is allowed and that claims 1-11 contain allowable subject matter.

I. 35 U.S.C. §112 Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. By this amendment, independent claim 1 is amended to recite: "A combination toothbrush and device for securing said toothbrush," as suggested by the Examiner.

In addition, the dependent claims are allowable for at least their dependence on allowable independent claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

II. Rejoinder

Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder and allowance of withdrawn claims 12-15. Independent claim 12 is a method claim corresponding to independent claim 1. Because independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder and allowance of independent claim 12, which contains all of the features of independent claim 1. MPEP 821.04(b). In addition, Applicant respectfully requests rejoinder and allowance of dependent claims 13-15 because they depend from independent claim 12.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-16 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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